

## Dying for Decoupage

*Above, botanical prints have been applied to an old bureau after it has been painted to give it a whole new look.*

Decoupage can transform a piece of furniture by giving it an artistic new look. The art of decoupage involves cutting out images from paper, gluing them onto a surface and then varnishing over them. You may be familiar with glass decoupage plates in which the design is applied on the underside of the plate so it can be viewed from above.

One of my absolute favourite decoupage artists is John Derian who not only has a store in New York (at 6 East 2nd Street and in Provincetown, MA) but also sells wholesale. You should have seen his booth at the New York Gift Show!

<http://www.johnderian.com/>. His shop sells more than his own decoupage pieces and is a great place to stop in for inspiration.

The Fish Mosaic oval platter is \$485.

When I worked at House Beautiful, I once featured this goldfish footed bowl in "The Best" product column. It does cost \$2200 but makes an amazing statement piece for an entryway or side table.

I also love these pieces by Hugo Guinness that are carried in the store.

Decoupage a bureau or a cupboard can turn a humdrum old piece of furniture into a modern masterpiece.

The leafy side table shown above was created using motifs from two different wallpapers. The large leaves came from one and the Arts and Crafts flowers from another.

The cupboard has been decorated in a tropical theme and becomes the main focus of the room.

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